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March 11, 1993

Ms Donna R. Searcy, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, N.W. Room 222
Washington, DC 20554

RE: PR Docket No. 92-235

Dear Ms. Searcy,

I would like to respond to this proposed rule making on behalf of the Wyoming State Department of Health, and the 95 ambulance services in our state that we have jurisdiction over.

We have objections to the entire proposal, on the grounds of unnecessary elimination of a functional system now in place and the financial burden of building a new communications system in every town in our state. I can only guess that the impetus behind the most dramatic move I've ever heard about in twenty years is that there is frequency congestion in the major urban population centers in this Nation. But attempting to force a change on every state in this Country because there are problem pockets here and there is foolish, not well thought out, and will create a financial burden that most towns, counties and state governments can ill afford.

I spent approximately \$1.5 million dollars of federal funds (taxpayer dollars) into building a statewide emergency medical and hospital communications system that your proposed rules will now make illegal and obsolete. There are only four people per square mile in Wyoming. Our largest town is only 50,000. We do not have frequency congestion on the VHF and UHF channels that we use. We are happy with our system, we do not want our system made illegal by you just to clear up a problem that the big cities on either coast have.

Consider imposing your requirements on urban areas larger than 500,000 population and give the rest of us a "rural / frontier" waiver. We simply do not have the need to change, nor do we have the state and local resources to replace everything that we now own.

Jimm Murray
Jimm Murray, Director

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